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AMERICA Needs Wheat

Last year the United States consumed more wheat than she raised. The government reports indicate that this year's crop is 52,000,000 bushels short of last year's, which was much below normal. South America has just harvested less than half a crop. Argentina, the greatest wheat producing country in South America, has already forbidden the exportation of wheat. America must have bread and it is the opportunity as well as the patriotic duty of Wisconsin farmers to produce more spring wheat this year. Prices are bound to be high.

Wisconsin can yet sow spring wheat. In the western and southern states it is too late. Tens of thousands of acres of winter wheat in Kansas and Nebraska are being plowed up this spring because of winterkilling. Every acre of spring wheat that Wisconsin can sow will help.

Wisconsin Can Raise Wheat

Wisconsin was once the second wheat producing state in the Union. Rotation of crops and the liberal use of barnyard manure have again made it possible for us to grow good crops of wheat. Spring wheat does best in eastern and northwestern portions of the state. It can be grown, however, on any good clay loam soil, but does poorly on light sandy land.

How To Get a Good Crop

WHAT TO SOW:

Use good seed—Marquis, Fife, and Blue Stem are the best varieties.

WHERE TO GET SEED:

Get seed from your local dealer, or the large seed firms, or inquire of the Secretary of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Association, Madison.

Sow Spring Wheat Early

WHEN TO SOW:

Sow spring wheat just as early as you can get the seed bed prepared. Fall plowed land is the best.

HOW TO SOW:

Sow one and one-half bushels to the acre. The properly prepared seed bed should have a dust mulch on top which will warm the soil and prevent the evaporation of the moisture. Working with the disk, spring-tooth harrow, or cultivator, followed by a smoothing harrow is usually sufficient to put the seed bed in good shape.

Serve The Nation By Growing Food

The greatest and most important service that is required of farmers under the present conditions is an enlarged production of staple food crops. In view of the world scarcity of food there is no risk in the near future of over production such as has in the past resulted in unprofitable prices to the farmer. There is abundant reason to expect generous price returns for all that can be produced.

Loyalty does not confine itself to the shouldering of a musket. It is just as patriotic a service this year to till the soil better than ever before, to save waste, to stop losses from disease, and to utilize every acre that the reduced labor supply can handle.

“More Food This Year Is Patriotism”

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